

## POE'S PHOTO GIVEN TO HIM

Dr. J. F. Carter Received It From Rosalie Poe.

### HE WAS POE'S FRIEND

They Used to Walk the Streets Together and Poe Was With Him on Last Night in Richmond—Fond of Interesting Reminiscences.

The life-story in fact or fiction is of more interest than that of Edgar Allan Poe, who spent his boyhood and youth in this city, and who, though he thought little enough of him in his lifetime, Richmond claims, with Baltimore, the honor his name and his unexcelled, if not peerless, poetical productions bestow.

Poe died in 1849 and it is a rare treat now to meet one who knew him well and whose memory is clear after the lapse of fifty-four years. Such a person is found in Dr. John F. Carter, of this city. Though seventy-seven years of age and somewhat feeble in body, his mind is as bright and strong and his memory as clear as it was when he walked the streets of Richmond with his friend, Poe, "Raven" and "Annabel Lee" at Duncan Lodge, now the Richmond Industrial Home, on Broad Street just beyond Richmond College.

RECAPITULATES "ONCE UPON A TIME" Standing on his porch a few days ago, this knightly gentleman of the old school

but as Botetourt county alone uses over 600,000 cans a year, which will be greatly increased this year, it will take about the capacity of the plant, working the year round, to supply the demand from this county.

Botetourt is the home of the tomato, as the vegetable grows here to its greatest perfection. The prices paid the farmers vary from 20 to 30 cents per bushel, and it is said that at 20 cents it is the most profitable crop which can be raised, and one from which the quickest returns are had, as the crop is all sold and paid for before frost. There will this year be over 100 canning establishments in the county. Heretofore the cans have all been made in Baltimore, and as the freight charges are considerable, it has been a heavy drain on the county.

With a factory at home, where the cans may be bought as needed in less than car-load lots, many farmers will engage in the business, and with their own labor put up the tomatoes grown on their own land, thus adding to their profits.

The officers of the Virginia Can Company are as follows: O. C. Huffman, president and general manager; J. Z. Schultz, secretary and treasurer; and W. R. Stine, G. M. Huffman, J. F. Gardner, G. H. Graybill, John T. Martin and the two officers above named, directors. These are all well known and successful business men of Botetourt.

Judge George K. Aderson has referred to the Botetourt Bar the arrangement of the terms of the new Circuit Court. It is thought that there will be four terms, beginning March 1st, June 1st, August 25th and December 1st. The August term is set for that date so as not to conflict with the Court of Appeals, which meets in Staunton in September.

Roosevelt and the Negro Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir—In a very interesting book recently published entitled "Col. Alexander K. McClure's Recollections of Half a Century," it appears that Roosevelt's affiliation with the negro is not of recent origin. He says on page 250:

"At the Chicago Republican National Convention in 1884 I saw the rapidly grow-

## NEW SYSTEM OF FARMING

Scarcity of Labor Makes Different Methods Necessary.

### INTENSIVE VS. EXTENSIVE

Merchants and Farmers Taking Stock in a New Steamboat Company.

Memorial to Rev W. R. D. Moncure.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COMMON, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., Feb. 21.—For some years past the farmers here have been considering and discussing the advisability of changing their modus operandi and adopting a system better suited to the conditions of the present time. Many things have conspired to make some radical change necessary, chief among these being the scarcity and uncertainty of labor during crop season.

It often happens that when the farmer has "planted" a large crop and is in pressing need of competent help, the labor either goes North or demands higher wages than can be paid for ordinary farm work, and then the crop must either be neglected to such a degree as to greatly reduce the yield, or be cultivated at a cost far in excess of the market value. A tenant system was some years ago adopted as a remedy for this labor evil—a system of farming on "shares," the landlord furnishing the land and team and the tenant furnishing the labor. But this system is not without objections to many, and therefore is not satisfactory as a rule.

Many of the farmers will this year adopt the long-talked-of "intensive" system in place of the "extensive" system, which has hitherto obtained. This "intensive" system means briefly the cultivation of a small area in any one crop, and such timely and thorough cultivation as to increase the yield per acre.

FEWER ACRES. Some who have been cultivating say one hundred acres in corn will now cultivate some forty or fifty acres, and a good many who have hitherto cultivated fifty acres will this year probably hereafter cultivate only twenty or twenty-five acres, and thus obviate the necessity of hiring labor to any considerable extent.

It is believed that the "intensive" system has still other advantages. The cultivation of a smaller area will enable the farmer not only to practice such thoroughness as will increase the yield per acre, but will enable him to divide his farm into more fields than formerly, and thus rest the worn soil, grow grass and raise cattle and sheep more extensively.

A representative of a recently organized and incorporated steam boat and transportation company of Washington, D. C., is making a tour of this and other counties of the Northern Neck, taking subscriptions to the joint stock of the company.

### MONCURE MEMORIAL.

The Baptists of Stafford and upper King George are manifesting the deepest interest in the W. R. D. Moncure Memorial Chapel, now in course of erection in the former county. Mr. Moncure was one of the most popular and universally loved Baptist ministers of modern times, and the people of these counties take great pride in erecting a house of worship to perpetuate his memory.

A good many colored men here have been engaged to go to Marlborough, just across Potomac Creek in Stafford county, to work at the big fishery, which will begin operations some time in the course of the next two weeks. Good seine-haulers are paid \$18 to \$25 per month on the Marlborough shore.

Some of the white labor here will go to the "Crow's Nest" neighborhood as soon as the weather will admit of camping in the woods, to work for the company that recently purchased the immense body of timber there for shipment to Europe. The timber is to be sawed into logs, and the logs will be hewn to a square with road axes, before it can be further prepared for shipment to the old country.

It is understood that Mr. J. B. Mattingly, of La Plata, Md., who recently purchased several tracts of timberland in the "Crow's Nest" country, is arranging to bring two large steam saw mills across the Potomac for the purpose of converting the timber into cross ties and scantling for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Captain Randall, of Washington, was at Colonial Beach several days ago arranging for the erection there of a power house 80x20 feet. Captain Randall, in addition to this power house, will rebuild the Colonial Beach Wharf, erect a roll costa and build a large addition to the hotel recently purchased by him.

### TELEPHONE CABLE.

It is reported that a telephone cable will be laid across the Rappahannock River at Port Conway on an early day for the purpose of connecting King George and Caroline and for the further purpose of putting a larger territory in direct telephone communication with Fredericksburg, etc.

Mrs. Fielding Lewis, who underwent a surgical operation in Washington about six weeks ago, has so far recovered her health as to be able to return to this country. She is now guest of her daughter, Mrs. John S. Dickinson, at Berry Plain, and will return to Marmion, her home, in a few days.

Dr. Whiting, of King and Queen, has located at Port Conway, in this county, and is practicing medicine in that community. King George, therefore, has three practicing physicians now.

The Baptists and their friends, of Colonial Beach, gave a delightful "box party" in the "Colonial House" on the night of the 17th instant, and realized a snug sum of money from it for the benefit of the Colonial Beach Baptist Church.

Mr. George W. Sorrell, who has been spending some days on his farm here, has returned to his home in Washington, D. C.

Miss Walter Purkes, of Igo, this county, spent this week in Baltimore and Washington.

Misses Mattie Farmer and Lela Peyton, of this neighborhood, have gone to Washington to spend a week or ten days with kinfolk.

Miss Tiney Stephens, who has been residing in the National Capital City for several years, has returned here to reside with her mother.

Dr. Thomas T. Arnold, of this neighborhood, who has been very ill for a week past, is somewhat improved.

The late daughter of D. A. C. Fisher, of Richmond county, have become a household word throughout the Northern Neck, and they are being praised in unmeasured terms for buying with their own hands the remains of a child that died of smallpox, when others would not perform the task.

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## PRESIDENT'S CHAIR AT HARVARD COMES DOWN FROM COLONIAL DAYS

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Feb. 21.—One of the most interesting pieces of antique Colonial furniture in this country is the chair used by the President of Harvard University during the annual commencement exercises in June. Aside from the fact that it is very old the chair has the distinction of being almost the only one of its kind in America, so far as collectors have been able to discover.

The President's chair, as it is always called, has been used by 13 presidents of the college and university. It is stoutly constructed of oak in the style known as "throne" or "turned" and dates back to the sixteenth century, so that it was already something of an "antique" when it was originally brought over to this country by some early Puritan Pilgrim. Oliver Wendell Holmes has described it thus:

"Funny old chair with a seat like a wedge, Sharp behind and broad front edge,— One of the oldest of human things,— Turned all over with knobs and rings,— But heavy, and wide, and deep, and grand,— Fit for the worthies of the land."

### ANOTHER SIMILAR ONE.

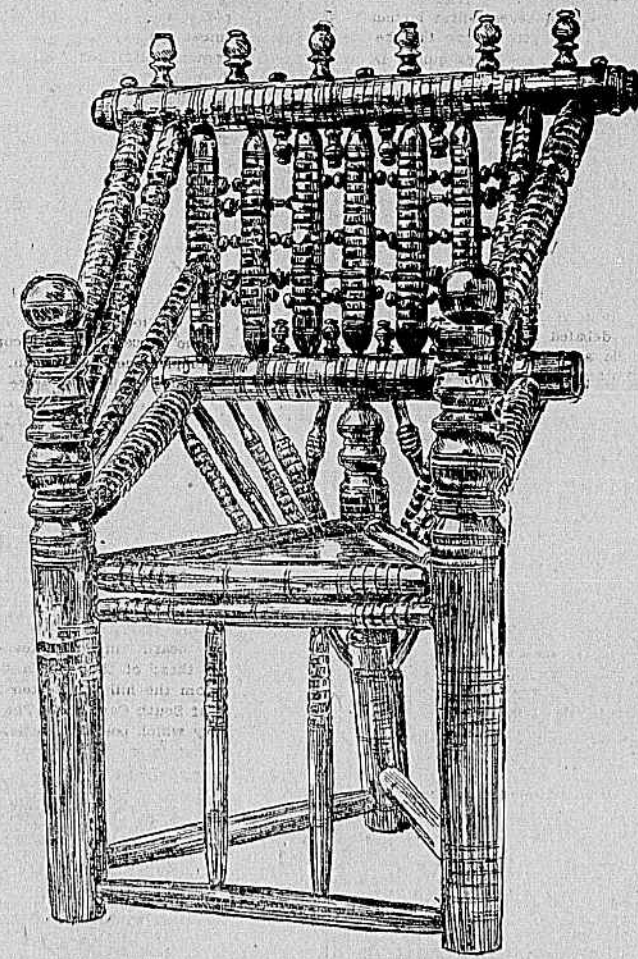
Another old chair, very similar to the one at Harvard, is still preserved in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford, England, where it is catalogued as the chair used by Henry VIII.

Another of the same general type, except that it has a square and not a wedge-shaped seat, is owned by the Dutch Historical Society. The President's Chair used to stand in the Harvard library, where, according to tradition, it gave a student the right to kiss any young woman whom he was showing through the college and who thoughtlessly sat down in it. Whether or not the privilege was often or ever taken advantage of, the present generation has no means of knowing.

The old chair is now stored in Harvard Hall between Commencements and is only visible when the governor of the State rides out to Cambridge on his annual visitation.

AN OBJECT OF INTEREST. The Harvard chair has always been an object of interest to those who have seen it. President Holyoke, during whose administration in the sixteenth century—from 1577 to 1590—the chair first appeared in Cambridge, once told a correspondent that he had been asked about it more than 50 times without having been able to say anything definite regarding its history.

The chair seems simply to have appeared in the college and been dedicated to use by formal act on occasion of Commencement, but merely as a serviceable piece of every-day furniture. President



THE "PRESIDENT'S CHAIR" AT HARVARD.

A Quaint Bit of Early American Furniture Made Famous by Tradition, History, Verso

Holyoke, not being altogether satisfied with its appearance, added the round knobs with which it is now decorated, and the chair as it stands is therefore partly the work of a former president. About the time that the old chair appeared in Cambridge, Horace Dalpelle was hunting all over England for similar pieces. Walpole had seen a cloister at Windsor furnished with "ancient wooden chairs, most of them triangular, but all of various patterns and carved and turned in the most unorthodox and whimsical forms." These chairs had been picked up one by one in farmhouses in Hertfordshire—which goes to show that the collector of old furniture was abroad in the eighteenth century England as well as in nineteenth century America—at prices ranging from 50 cents to a dollar, and a half. "A thousand to one but there are plenty up and down Cheshire, too," wrote Walpole to a friend in a neighboring county. "If Mr. and Mrs. Vetenhall, as they ride or drive out, would now and then pick up such a chair, it would oblige me greatly." There is, it should be added, a dim tradition that the President's Chair was once the property of one Ebenezer Turell, who graduated at Harvard in 1721 and whose "Life of Dr. Colman" was declared by Josiah Quincy in his own "History of Harvard" to be the best biography written by any native of Massachusetts during the time that Massachusetts was a province of the English King. It is not impossible, therefore, that this "best biography" was written in the President's Chair, before it became the formal seat of authority of Harvard's presidents.

POEM BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

At all events Oliver Wendell Holmes has made this tradition the starting point for one of his best-known humorous poems, from which the description of the chair has already been quoted. The chair was familiar to the poet during his undergraduate days at Harvard and had there been any account of it that could have been dug up from the past, his active mind would probably have discovered it. But according to the story which

he supplied to fill in the gaps the chair was left by "Parson" Turell to

"a certain student,—Smith by name; These are the terms, as we are told; 'Said Smith said chairs to have and hold.'"

When the doth graduates, then to pass To ye oldest Youth in ye Senior Classe On payment of—(naming a certain sum)— 'By him to whom ye Chair shall come; And goe forever;—(thus runs the text)— 'But one Crown 'less than he gave to claim, That being his Debts for use of same.'"

The chair thus passed from student to student, each requiring one crown (less of his successor until the chair changed hands without any payment whatever. But the next student, when he gave the chair to his successor, felt compelled to pay a crown for the use of it; the next two crowns; the next three; and so on until the old chair became saddled with such a debt that the governor was last asked to break the will and save future students from the necessity of passing it on and paying the tremendous and constantly increasing sum that was demanded under Parson Turell's will. But the governor would only break the will for a year at a time, and the poet describes the Commencement ceremonies, until recently conducted in Latin and quite unintelligible to the bulk of the audience, as nothing more or less than a discussion of the person's will, ending in the governor's permission to the President to keep the old chair another year—all of which may be read at length in "Parson Turell's Legacy."

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### EDGAR ALLAN POE.

recited the first stanza of "The Raven" as he had heard Poe recite it nearly three score years ago.

Dr. Carter has in his possession a splendid photograph of Poe taken by "Stanford & Butler, 79 W. Fayette Street, one door from Charles."

Soon after the death of Poe, his sister, Rosalie MacKenzie Poe, then in destitute circumstances in this city, secured several photographs of her talented brother and in her extreme need offered them for sale among her acquaintances at \$1 each. She sold only two. Meeting Dr. Carter one day she told him she could not think of selling a photograph of her brother to him but she would like to give him one. He gladly accepted it. Years after, Dr. Carter gave it to his friend, Miss Julia Shepperson, who married Mr. Ira Alley, of Manchester.

A short time ago, she gave it back to him and he now values it very highly. The photograph is not a copy but one for which Poe sat. It is one of the best he ever had taken and though more than half a century old, it is in a fine state of preservation.

### RICHIE RECOLLECTIONS.

Dr. Carter delights to talk of his acquaintance with Poe, and his recollections of Richmond. In olden times is remarkably vivid. His mind is a veritable treasure house of interesting recollections. He remembers distinctly, to the last detail, his grandfather's vivid story of the attack on Stony Point, under Mad Anthony. This grandfather was none other than Major James Gibson, collector of the port of Richmond for many years after the Revolution and whom Andrew Jackson, when President, was petitioned to dislodge on the ground that he belonged to the other side and had said that Jackson was a "grand old man."

### TO MAKE TIN CANS.

An Important Industry to Be Started at Buchanan.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BUCHANAN, VA., February 21.—A charter has been granted by Judge Henry B. Blair to the Virginia Can Company. This company will organize with a subscribed capital of \$20,000, and will at once begin the erection and equipment of its plant at Buchanan for the manufacture of tin cans. The machinery for making the cans has been ordered, and the manufacturer has agreed to have it in place by May 1st. In the meantime the necessary buildings will be erected, and the company hopes to be ready to make cans early in May. The capacity of the plant will be 30,000 a day. This seems a large quantity,

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